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Subject: Urgent Meeting Request - February 1, 2022

Good afternoon,

We are seeking an urgent meeting with Mayor Watson, Chief Sloly, and Mr. Kanellakos as we need to know what measures are taking place to move this protest to a perimeter whereby residents and businesses are minimally impacted, and to a point where there is no further disruption, and our collective community has been reclaimed.

We have been at the forefront of working with businesses through this difficult time. As such, we have seen the considerable resources, attention, and work done by City officials, Ottawa Police Service, Traffic, and others to manage this weekend.

Recognizing the considerable challenges faced by all in this trying time, as the representatives of the businesses most affected by the ongoing demonstrations of the weekend, we are seeking your time to discuss how the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Police Services will be mobilizing to ensure the safety and security of the affected communities in the downtown core, while sharing the lived experiences of our members who have handled this latest disruption with patience that is quickly evaporating. We understand that operational matters do require confidentiality but are looking for broad direction and guidance.

We have grave concern that despite the work put into date, the growing sentiment is quickly shifting from resilience to feeling as though our city is leaving us to fend for ourselves. Increasingly on the ground, the perception is that the city is reluctant to respond as needed to reclaim our communities and daily activities.

The daily financial implication for our downtown core far exceeds and compounds the City's costs to maintain this demonstration and at no point will there be relief funds for businesses to recuperate these losses.

We are asking for this urgent meeting to establish clear messaging on next steps while working towards regaining our streets.

Sincerely,

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Downtown Rideau BIA
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